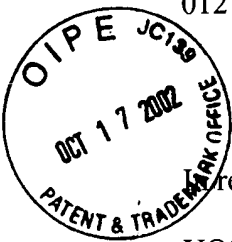


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO INFORMALITY

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Informality dated September 17, 2002, Applicant requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete at page 1 of the substitute specification, immediately after the title, the paragraph that incorporates by reference Patent Application No. 2000-17568 filed January 26, 2000 in Japan (a version of the substitute specification, with markings, to show this change is attached hereto).

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